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IT WAS OKAY GOOD THING THE WEATHER GOT WARMER IT WAS A SWIM-SUIT SHOOT
Sigh-
HOW WAS THE PHOTO SHOOT IN OKINAWA?
WEARING A SWIMSUIT IN APRIL!?
NICE
I SEE
IT'S MORE CONVENIENT FOR CUS-TOMERS TO ENTER
AND WHEN THE DOOR OPENS IT RINGS THIS HELPS TO NOTIFY EVERYONE
DING DONG
Uhm -
They photograph fall fashion in January
FASHION MAGAZINES ALSO SHOOT WAY IN ADVANCE
SHUT THE HELL UP!!
I'M ALREADY FEELING DEAD TIRED AND YOU'RE DANCING BACK AND FORTH OVER THERE!
I THINK HE JUST WANTS YOUR ATTENTION?
Customers
SFX bakya [SMASH]

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SFX: cabin [SHOCK]
WELCOME!!
AH!
NO THANKS!!
SO NOW WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO? AND JUST WHEN WE FINALLY GOT SOME CUSTOMERS...!!
completely faultless here
ANYWAY, WHY DON'T WE TAKE THIS INSIDE INSIDE
What's going on here?
Having more people is really nice

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Author's Chat

German Signing

That's right, this March 2005 I went to Germany for an autograph signing session. Even though it is only August right now it feels like it happened a long time ago. (laugh) My birthday was also at the same time. It was a very fun trip. Even though our languages were different, our heartfelt feelings were easily expressed. Hehe~ Although, it would have been nice if my English was a bit better.

Also, I was very nervous. It just so happened that I was working on the original manuscript at the same time. So my head was full of such matters. That's right, I took the original manuscript with me to Germany to work on!

I'M NOT EVEN DONE TALKING AND YOU ARE BOTH FIGHTING AGAIN!
95% OF THE TIME RAISA CHAN STARTS IT
AND THE OTHER ISN'T
STOP GLARING AT HIM!!
LIGHTING THE FUSE
REALLY!
ONE OF THE FIVE RULES LISTED IS NO FIGHTING!
HE'S JUST AN EMPTY-HEADED MORON IGNORE HIM
Girls fashion mags.
THIS ONE IS IN HIS OWN LITTLE WORLD.
Swimsuits
TELL HIM TO STOP COMING NEAR ME!
ANYWAY, I CAN'T HELP BEING ANNOYED AT SOMETHING THAT'S ANNOYING
But, 3 years ago~
It seems that they often worked together
In the past, Ikouma yan and Raisa were modeling acquaintances
What the hell
Calm down, calm down..

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It made her extremely mad
However, he gave the job to Raisa
The two of them competed for the same job
In the end, Ikouma-yan won
Afterwards, they parted ways
Now that they've met again the situation remains the same
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE, SINCE I DIDN'T ACTUALLY SEE IT HAPPEN
YOU DON'T NEED TO PUSH YOURSELF UP LIKE THAT
PUFF
PUFF
BUT,
HOW WAS IT WHEN YOU TWO WORKED TOGETHER?
WELL...
IT WASN'T LIKE THIS WHEN WE FIRST MET...
Nothing has changed
BAM
SPLO
OSH
IT'S BECOME AN AUTOMATIC REFLEX.
HIS MERE EXISTENCE DRIVES ME CRAZY!!

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HOW LONG AGO DID YOU TWO FIRST MEET?
YEARS AGO... WHEN WE WERE 7
7!!!
WE BECAME PARTNERED CHILD MODELS AND WORKED TOGETHER FOR 5 YEARS...
DURING THAT TIME, WE GOT ALONG REALLY WELL...
...WHEN WE WEREN'T WORKING, WE WOULD PLAY TOGETHER.
dancing ballet
playing house
IT WAS ONLY AFTER WE STOPPED WORKING TOGETHER THAT THINGS WENT DOWNHILL...
PLAY-ING...?
ashes
IN THE END, HE GAVE THAT JOB TO YOU AND THAT'S WHY YOU GOT MAD
Whoa...
UH HUH
WHEN WE WERE 12, THERE WAS AN IMPOR-TANT SELEC-TION EVENT. WE BOTH PARTICIPATED.
IN THE PAST, WHEN WE WORKED TOGETHER, PEOPLE LIKED HIM MORE...
Ahhh - just thinking about it pisses me off.
IN THE END, HE WON.

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DOOR?
IF IT WAS JUST THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE BECOME SO ANGRY AT HIM
IT'S HE WHO CLOSED THE DOOR... FROM THEN ON, HE STOPPED TALKING TO ME
I WANTED TO ASK HIM WHY HE GAVE THE JOB TO ME BUT HE WAS NEVER AT HOME AND HE NEVER CAME BACK TO THE COMPANY.
AFTERWARDS, I FOUND OUT HE HAD MOVED AND EVEN QUIT HIS JOB,
AH
HOW CAN HE BE SO FLIPPANT ABOUT IT!?
THAT UNPROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE OF HIS IS UNFORGIVABLE! AND TO THINK THEY SELECTED HIM!
AFTER I TRIED SO HARD, IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN AN INSULT!
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE HIM SO LONG AS I LIVE!!
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YEAH.
I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS...
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE OTHER REASONS.
IT'S MORE COMPLI-CATED THAN WE THOUGHT
SO...
WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SELECTION EVENT IS WHAT TRIGGERED ALL THIS...
ANYWAY,
It's from when they were child models!
I BOR-ROWED IT FROM RAISA
what is that clipping?
clap clap clap
IF WE DON'T FIX THIS NOW, YOU TWO WILL CONTINUE TO DRAG IT OUT!
SNAP
AFTERWARDS, YOU TWO CAN PATCH THINGS UP!
YOU'VE HURT A GIRL'S PRIDE!!
THAT'S WHY, IKUHA-YAN SHOULD GO AND APOLOGIZE TO RAISA!

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...are you sure about this?
I will do my best
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MEANS
Hot Rod
OW my eyes.
Out of the blue body crush Out of the blue body crush.
LEAVE RAIGA TO ME I'LL MAKE SURE IT'S ALL SET UP
OKAY NIGHT
IT MEANS TO ~GRAB THE OPPORTUNITY WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT AND GO TOWARDS IT~
JUST WAIT UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL TOMORROW
BUT...
IKOUMA-YAN... ISN'T HIS MOTHER THE ONE WHO FORCED HIM TO MODEL?
COULD IT BE THAT HE QUIT FOR SIMILAR REASONS?

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HE RARELY EVER TALKS
Even about every day things
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO REFLECT ANY EMOTION
MAYBE WE'RE MESSING WITH SOMETHING WE SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED IN?
Even now
HE ONLY MAKES OTHERS BURST OUT LAUGHING THIS IS REALLY TROUBLESOME
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT
EVEN THOUGH HE SHOWS VARIOUS EXPRESSIONS IN THE MAGAZINE
..... BUT SOMEHOW IT DOESN'T FEEL NATURAL
Right now what's most important is...
YEAH, HE RARELY SMILES
IKOUMA -YAN
Waa.

finding a way for the two of them to make up
Dear -> Raisa chi
Please meet me after sch
Please help me purchase stuff we need for the inn I'll meet you on the top floor of the store
PLEASE
Homare
Nevermind. Really! I know the entrance would be so easily damaged...
WHY DO WE NEED SPECIALLY MEET UP AT THIS LOCATION? AFTER ALL, WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS.
WHY DID YOU HAVE HER COME TO THE TOP FLOOR?
SHE'S HERE, SHE'S HERE!
SHE MIGHT RUN IF IT WAS THE FIRST FLOOR.

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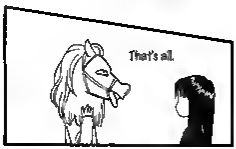

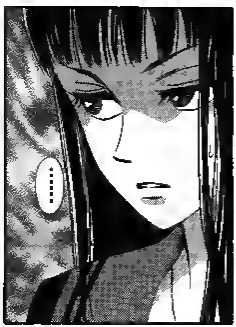

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COMPARED TO YOUR FACE, WEARING THAT STUPID HEAD IS EVEN MORE EMBARRASSING. TAKE IT OFF.
A bishie!
He's so beautiful
Where?
WELL
YOU
HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME? THAT'S WHY YOU CAME, RIGHT?
How is it with you and your family??
THERE'S NOTHING
NOW THAT I'VE BROKEN OFF COMMUNICATIONS I'VE MADE MY PEACE WITH IT. YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY
Hey, isn't he supposed to be shooting--ing?
SHH!
Um... but I am somewhat worried about you
BUT
THAT'S RIGHT. IN THE PAST, I WOULD OFTEN TALK TO YOU ABOUT MY FAMILY

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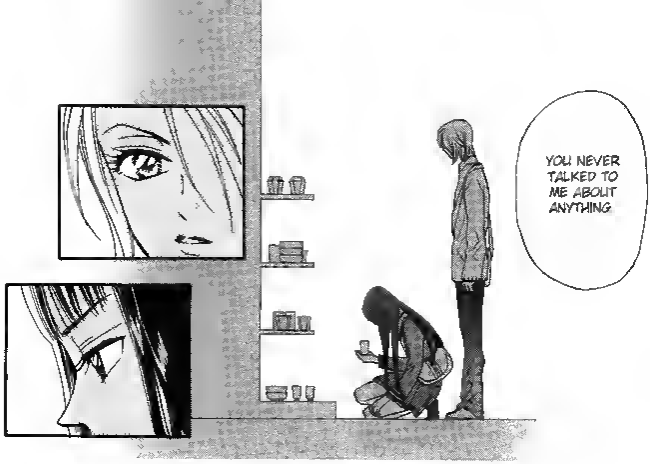

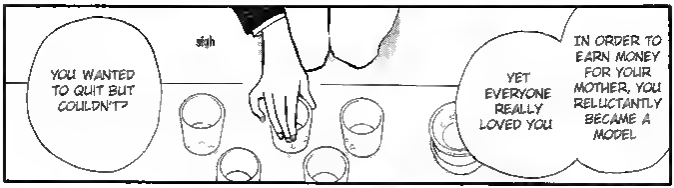
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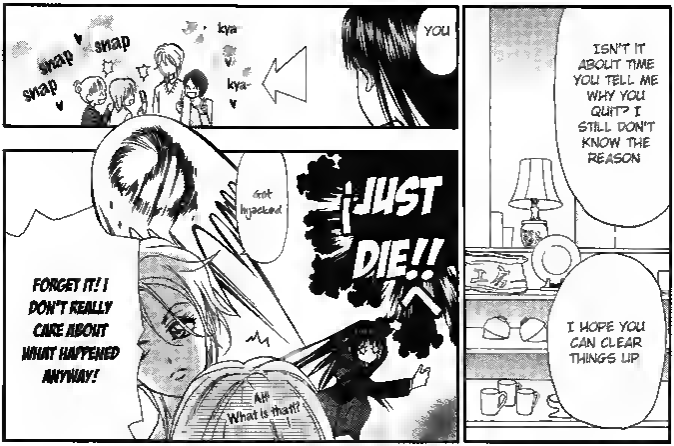
YOU WANTED TO QUIT BUT COULDN'T?
YET EVERYONE REALLY LOVED YOU
IN ORDER TO EARN MONEY FOR YOUR MOTHER, YOU RELUCTANTLY BECAME A MODEL



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THE REASON I'M ANGRY IS BECAUSE YOU NEVER TOLD ME WHY YOU REALLY QUIT!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE LOOKING FOR YOU?
LOOKING AND LOOKING...
EVERYDAY, WAITING AT THAT DOOR.
BUT YOU NEVER...
EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO RUN AWAY, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PASSED THAT JOB TO ME!!
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AH!!
YOU CAN FINISH THE SHOPPING YOURSELF
BAM
GOOD BYE
Stomp
Stomp
IF SHE REALLY HATED YOU, SHE WOULD HAVE NEVER SAID THOSE THINGS
...
wobble wobble
HEY - GO AFTER HER IKOUMA-YAN!!
RAISA, SHE...
SHE'S ANGRY BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING!
SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT WHAT HAP-PENED BEFORE WITH IKOUMA-YAN!!
[IT IS HE WHO CLOSED THE DOOR.]
So that's why...
Raisa is angry...
because Ikouma-yan broke off their friendship?

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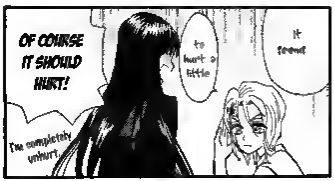

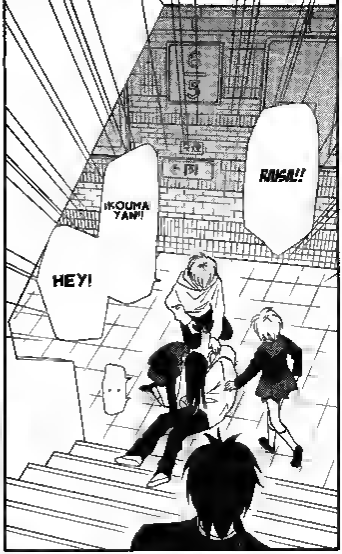

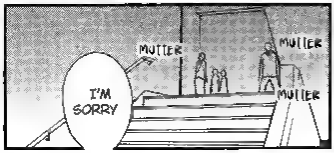

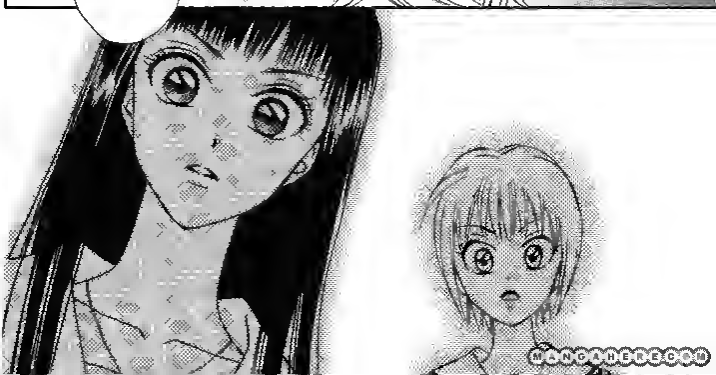

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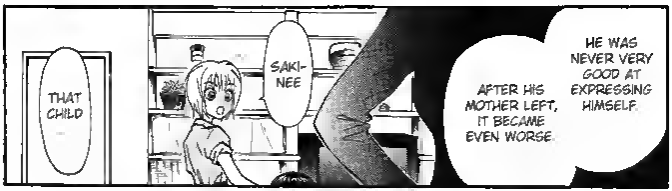
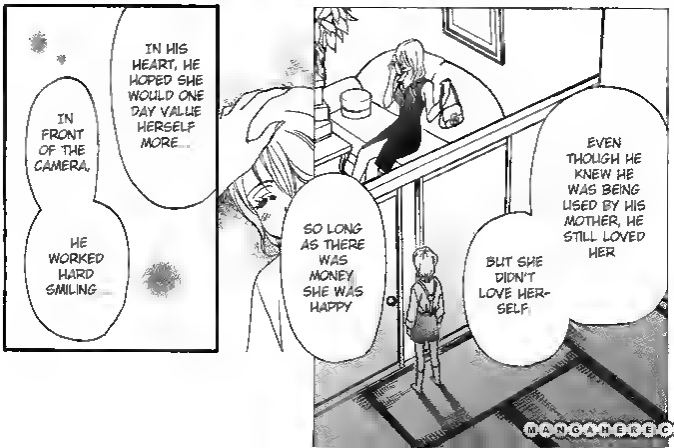
WHERE'S IKUMA-YAN?
BECAUSE HE TUMBLED DOWN THE STAIRS AND WAS BLEEDING
HE HAD TO STAY IN THE HOSPITAL OVERNIGHT
He don't seem all that concerned about his injuries.
"Is everything okay?"




EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE WAS BEING USED BY HIS MOTHER, HE STILL LOVED HER
BUT SHE DIDN'T LOVE HERSELF
SO LONG AS THERE WAS MONEY, SHE WAS HAPPY
IN HIS HEART, HE HOPED SHE WOULD ONE DAY VALUE HERSELF MORE...
IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA,
HE WORKED HARD SMILING...

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HIS MOTHER STARTED ABUSING HIM LEAVING HIM LOCKED UP IN THE APARTMENT ALONE FOR DAYS
I DOUBT HE WILL EVER TELL ANY OF YOU.
SO, I WILL SPEAK FOR HIM
WHEN HE WAS 12 HIS MOTHER'S PRIORITIES CHANGED
HE ALWAYS WAITED FOR HER TO COME HOME.
BUT NO MATTER HOW LONG HE WAITED, NO ONE CAME.
[BROKE OFF COMMUNICATIONS I'VE MADE MY PEACE WITH IT.]
IS THAT WHY...
HE LEFT THE COMPANY?
[I WISH I...]
...
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WHILE IKUMA-YAN WAS STAYING AT THE HOSPITAL,
THAT'S EXACTLY WHEN RAISA-CHI WENT TO HIS HOUSE LOOKING FOR HIM
AFTERWARDS HIS ABSENTEE FATHER CAME TO GET HIM
AND THAT'S HOW THEIR FRIENDSHIP WAS BROKEN
They just happened to miss each other
I never knew Ikuma-yan had lived such a sad life.
YOU'RE ABOUT THE SAME AGE, AREN'T YOU?
BUT,
Everyone here seems to have suffered as a result of their parents.
ISN'T IT GREAT THAT THOSE TWO WERE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN?
DING DONG
DING DONG

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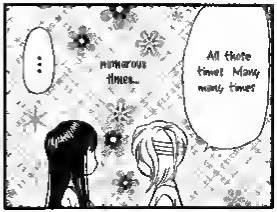

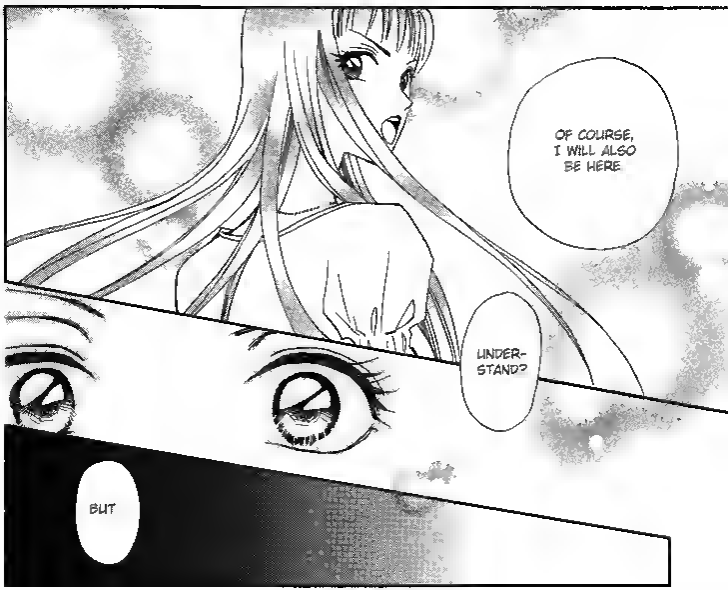

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ALTHOUGH, HER MOOD MIGHT NOT BE DUE TO ANYTHING BAD
IF SHE REALLY DOESN'T MIND IKOUMA,
SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANY REACTION
RAISA DIDN'T SEEM ANY HAPPIER...
Yeah
In the end we still don't know if they make up
Just now...
AFTER ALL, WEREN'T THEY ALREADY FRIENDS ONCE BEFORE?

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THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO WILL SLOWLY CLOSE OVER TIME
ONE OF THESE DAYS, EVERYTHING SHOULD TURN OUT OKAY, RIGHT?
Okay
BUT, I STILL DON'T LIKE YOU!
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